



**Big Brothers Big Sisters**

*Little Moments. Big Magic.™*

**\* History and Background:**

**Big Brothers Big Sisters of America (BBBS) was founded in 1904**

**BBBS is the nation's largest mentoring network**

**BBBS currently has over 400 active programs in the U.S.**

**BBBS of Western North Carolina was founded in 1982 – now serves 700 children in 8 counties**

**BBBS matches adult volunteers with children ages 6 through 18**

***Mission: Help children reach their potential through one-to-one relationships with mentors that have a measurable positive impact.***

***Outcomes: 83% of former "Littles" surveyed agreed that their "Big" instilled values and principles that have guided them through life.***

**\* BBBS of Cherokee County:**

**Officially became a branch of BBBS of WNC on June 8, 2010**

**Advisory council includes school leaders, church leaders, children's advocates and Sheriff's Department representatives.**

**First year budget is \$8,570.00.**

**\* Cherokee County Pilot Program:**

**Scheduled to start in September 2010**

**20 adult mentors to be matched with 20 "at risk" children referred by Murphy Elementary staff**

**Mentors ("Bigs") will meet with their "Littles" for one hour per week at Murphy Elementary School. "Bigs" must commit for one year.**

**"Bigs" will interact one-on-one with their "Littles" to build a meaningful relationship – helping with homework, playing games, making crafts, sharing life stories and having fun.**

***Objectives: Improve student's academic performance, classroom behavior and attitude. Instill lasting values and principles for living.***

**\* How to Volunteer or Donate:**

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